

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A device to inhibit entry of debris and other matter into a conduit comprising:

an outer band, an inner band wherein said inner band disposed interior to said outer band and a cover wherein a perimeter edge of said cover is wrapped around said outer band and is fastened between said outer band and said inner band;

said outer band having two separated ends and said inner band having two separated ends; and

an expansion clamp attached to one of said inner band and said outer band.

2. (previously presented) The device as in claim 1 wherein said outer band having a portion of said outer band overlapping adjacent said two separated ends and said expansion clamp is attached to said inner band.

3. (original) The device as in claim 1 wherein said fastening is with a plurality of screws.

4. (previously presented) The device as in claim 1 wherein said expansion clamp comprising:

a lever bracket having a lever rotatably attached at a lever rotation end;

an adjustment rod rotatably attached to said lever intermediate said lever rotation end and a distal end; and

a rod retainer bracket having an opening therein.

5. (original) The device as in claim 4 wherein said adjustment rod is threaded for threadable engagement of a nut.

6. (original) The device as in claim 1 wherein a plurality of anchor bolts are threadably engaged with one of said inner band and said outer band; and said anchor bolts movable through said inner band and said outer band for engagement with a conduit wall.

7. (original) The device as in claim 1 wherein a handle is attached.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The device as in claim 8_1 wherein said inner band at an upper edge is approximately the same height as said perimeter edge wrapped around said outer band.

10. (original) The device as in claim 1 wherein said inner band is relatively narrower than said outer band.

11. (previously presented) A device to inhibit entry of debris and other matter into a conduit comprising:

an elastic outer band, an elastic inner band wherein said inner band disposed interior to said outer band and a flexible cover wherein a perimeter edge of said cover is fastened between said elastic outer band and said elastic inner band;

said elastic outer band having two separated ends with a portion of said outer band overlapping adjacent said two separated ends and said elastic inner band having two separated ends;

an expansion clamp attached to one of said elastic inner band and said elastic outer band wherein said elastic inner band and said elastic outer band expandable by force of said expansion clamp; and

a plurality of anchor bolts are threadably engaged with one of said elastic inner band and said elastic outer band, and said anchor bolts movable through said elastic inner band and said outer band for engagement with a conduit wall.

12. (original) The device as in claim 11 wherein said perimeter edge is wrapped around said elastic outer band prior to fastening.

13. (previously presented) The device as in claim 11 wherein said expansion

clamp comprising:

- a lever bracket having a lever rotatably attached at a lever rotation end;
- an adjustment rod rotatably attached to said lever intermediate said lever rotation end and a distal end; and
- a rod retainer bracket having an opening therein.

14. (original) The device as in claim 13 wherein said adjustment rod is threaded for threadable engagement of a nut.

15. (original) The device as in claim 11 wherein a handle is attached.

16. (previously presented) The device as in claim 10 wherein said expansion clamp is attached to said outer band.